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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5-7 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Feder.

Without addressing the merits of the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have canceled these

claims without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2-4 and 8 would

be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1 and any

intervening claims. Applicants have canceled claims 1-7, and have rewritten claim 8 to include

the limitations of base claim 1 and in a manner that overcomes the Examiner's objection to

original claim 1. Applicants have also added new claims 9-11. Claim 9 corresponds generally to

original claim 2 written in independent form to include the limitations of original claim 1, and

claims 10 and 11 correspond generally to original claims 3 and 4.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the present application is now believed to

be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Please

charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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